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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
5 AT SEATTLE

6 GASKINS THOMAS, JR.,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 STATE OF WASHINGTON,

10 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-661 RSM

ORDER RE: COMPLAINT

11 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On April 28, 2017, Plaintiff Gaskins
12 Thomas, Jr. filed this action requesting to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Dkt. #1. An examination of
13 the attached Complaint, Dkt. #1-2, reveals that Plaintiff's claims are identical or nearly identical to
14 an earlier Complaint filed by Plaintiff on April 19, 2017, in case number C17-617-BAT. Plaintiff
15 references this earlier filing in his IFP application, and includes the phrase "Amended Complaint"
16 in his attached Complaint. *See* Dkts. #1; #1-2.

17 Accordingly, the Court deems Plaintiff's Complaint in this matter an Amended Complaint
18 in Plaintiff's prior matter with case number C17-617-BAT and DIRECTS the Clerk to file it in that
19 matter as an Amended Complaint. The Court further DIRECTS the Clerk to close this case.

20 Dated this 5th day of May 2017.

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23 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
24 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE